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Maine Judicial Branch Reinstates Face Mask Requirement for All Courthouse Visitors

Portland, Maine, August 17, 2021. The Maine Judicial Branch announced today that due to an increase in the number of infections statewide, the Supreme Judicial Court has issued a revised [Post-Pandemic Management Order \(PPMO\)](#) effective August 16, 2021 reinstating the requirement for all visitors to wear a face covering or mask at all times while in a courthouse regardless of vaccination status. Any person who refuses to wear a face covering will be refused entrance and provided with a contact number for assistance. The requirement to wear a face covering in public indoor settings is in accordance with Maine CDC recommendations.

The Judicial Branch reminds visitors that regardless of vaccination status, visitors may not enter a courthouse or other Judicial Branch facility if they:

- Have COVID-19 or have been told by a health professional within the last 14 days to presume that they have COVID-19; or
- Are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

Individuals who are unable to enter a courthouse because they have COVID-19, are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or who have not been fully vaccinated but refuse to wear a face covering, should call 207-753-2999 for assistance.

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